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EPSTEIN, GORDON H. et al.

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Noncompliant Amendment dated October 17, 2006, Applicants submit sheets 1 through 7 of replacement drawings, appropriately marked.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650/326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

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